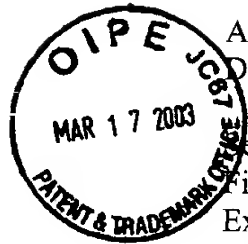


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to an Office Action dated 12/17/02, applicants wish the examiner enter into record said amendments for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance or in the alternative to place the application in better condition for appeal.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) An airbag comprising:
- an inflatable cushion made from a first material having an inflator opening to accommodate receipt of an inflator; and
  - a baffle comprising a second material and a baffle opening, the baffle opening being aligned with at least one-third of the inflator opening and having an area that is at least one-half of the area of the inflator opening, wherein the baffle opening is present in the baffle before the airbag is filled with inflation gas from the inflator.